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Man attacked at 2am in town centre

ST NEOTS: A man was knocked unconscious following an unprovoked late-night attack. The 31-year-old was punched to the ground in the High Street, near Market Square, after being approached by a man at about 2am on Sunday, June 8.

The attacker, who ran off, is described as white, aged 40 to 45, with short cropped hair. He was wearing a long-sleeved grey top, blue jeans and white trainers. An ambulance was called and the victim was taken to Hinchingsbrooke Hospital in Huntingdon.

Detective Constable Kevin Hills, investigating, said: "This was a nasty, unprovoked attack. I urge anyone who saw what happened, or knows who is responsible, to call police."

INFORMATION: To help police with their inquiries, call DC Hills on 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111.

Police officer died of multiple injuries

WYTON: An inquest has been opened into the death of a police officer who was killed in a collision on the A141 near RAF Wyton. Detective Constable Sharon Garrett, 48, died after her Renault Clio was involved in



■ A tree has been planted in Huntingdon's Bloomfield Park to mark 40 years of being twinned with Salon de Provence. Picture: HELEN DRAKE

European visitors joined together to plant a tree marking 40 years since Huntingdon twinned with Salon de Provence in France.

The French guests and others from Huntingdon's twin towns in Germany and Hungary gathered in Bloomfield Park on Saturday (June 14) to plant the Cercis tree. The continental counterparts were

treated to a full itinerary of events including visits to the Raptor Foundation and Magdalene College, Cambridge, a buffet lunch and an evening of jazz.

"The sun came out and it was a great day," said Huntingdon mayor Councillor Bill Hensley. "It was really good to see all the people I met last year in Salon."

Cllr Hensley praised the French

town for its traffic management and the use of space above shops for residential purposes which he hopes to learn from.

Salon was the first town twinned with Huntingdon when the charter was signed in 1974.

The partnership has continued to grow and pupils from St Peter's and Hinchingsbrooke schools will visit the French town later this year.

a crash between two lorries and two other cars near the Broughton junction at 4.35pm on Friday, June 6. A post-mortem examination revealed the Cambridgeshire police officer, who was married with two children and lived in Wimblington, near March, died of multiple injuries. An inquest was

opened on Wednesday (June 11) and adjourned while inquiries continue.

A 26-year-old lorry driver from King's Lynn has been arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving and has been bailed while the investigation into what happened continues. **INFORMATION:** Anyone who

saw the crash or any of the vehicles should call the Roads Policing Unit on 101.

False fire alarms during strike

CAMBS: Firefighters were called to more than 20 incidents during

a 24-hour strike.

Members of the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) walked out at 9am on Thursday for the first day-long strike in the ongoing dispute over changes to pensions. During the strike, the first call was received at 9.41am to help two children locked inside a home in Ely. Firefighters were also called to help an adult stuck in a toilet in Werrington. In Huntingdonshire, crews were called to a care home in St Neots Road, Eaton Ford, at 6.18pm but it was a false alarm. Firefighters were back in St Neots at 7.58am on Friday to a car fire in Little End Road, but the fire was out by the time a crew arrived. There were also two false alarms in Church Lane, Papworth Everard, at 12.58am and at 2.07am on Friday.

Chief fire officer Graham Staggs said: "This was the longest strike called by the FBU but our resilience arrangements to provide fire cover to the communities of Cambridgeshire held up despite a number of 999 calls. "Unfortunately we had a number of 999 calls to outdoor fires which could have been prevented. Therefore, ahead of the next strike on Saturday, June 21, we urge residents to really bring fire safety to the forefront of their minds."

INFORMATION: The next strike is on Saturday (June 21) between 10am and 5pm.

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